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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. CONTENTS OF SEALED ENVELOPES SENT BY RATINER INCCLUDE
TESTIMONY PERTAINING TO LAW OF THE SEA. (S-713 JOINT RE-
PORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE ARMED SERVICES AND FOR-
EIGN RELATIONS ON THE DEEP SEA BED HARD MINERALS ACT.)
INTERIOR WISHES THE SOVIETS TO REVIEW BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR
CONFERENCE IN U.S. THEY WILL SEND US COPIES OF TESTI-
MONY FOR RETENTION BY EMBASSY MOSCOW BUT ASK IF WE COULD DE-
LIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO KAZMIN AND ROMANOV. THEY ARE
NOW AWARE OF CORRECT PROCEDURE FOR TRANSMITTING SUCH
INFO.

2. WE ASSUME SOMEONE WILL MEET AND ASSIST PAUL BROADBENT
WHEN HE ARRIVES ON PAA 44 ON SUNDAY, JULY 18.

3. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: MRS. ROBERT LE BARON TODAY ASKED
THAT WE GIVE YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: SHE AND HER HUS-
BAND WILL BE TAKING A BLACK SEA CRUISE ORIGINATING IN GREECE
ON SEPTEMBER 1; THEIR GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO FLY BY CHARTER
PLANE FROM ODESSA TO MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 4, SPENDING THE EVEN-
INGS OF SEPTEMBER 4 AND 5 IN A YET UNKNOWN MOSCOW HOTEL,
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AND REJOINING THE CRUISE SHIP ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 6.

SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU AND MRS. STOESSEL WILL BE IN TOWN ON THOSE DATES, SO THAT THEY CAN CALL YOU. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANY MESSAGE YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PASS BACK.

4. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: I WAS NOT SURE WHETHER YOU WISHED TO HAVE MRS. STOESSEL INCLUDED IN ORDERS, BUT DID SO JUST IN CASE. YOUR RESERVATIONS ARE AT RIVERSIDE TOWERS, 2201 VIRGINIA AVE.

5. SORRY I DIDN'T INFORM YOU ABOUT TEAPOT TEMPEST OVER TALL SHIPS. SOVIETS TALKED OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF THEIR MOUTHS, GIVING ME CONSISTENTLY THE LINE THAT THE SHIPS LEFT BECAUSE OF TRAINING SCHEDULES, WHILE TELLING THE PRESS THEY LEFT BECAUSE OF THREATS AND INSULTS. WE KEEP HEARING UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT SOME SAILORS JUMPED SHIP IN THE BAHAMAS. MAYBE FEAR OF LOSING THEIR CREW WAS THE REAL REASON FOR LEAVING. KISSINGER

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